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LEGISLATURE CLOSES IN HARMONY

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT TAKEN
AT MIDNIGHT LAST
NIGHT.

IMPORTANT BILLS PASSED

TERRITORIAL REFORM SCHOOL
TO BE ESTABLISHED AT
SPRINGER.

FINE GIFTS FOR OFFICERS

D. T. HOSKINS OF THIS CITY
MADE ONE OF NEW MEXICO
PENITENTIARY BOARD.

Special to The Optic.

Santa Fe, Mch 19.—The 38th legislative assembly has passed into history. Sine die adjournment was taken at midnight last night and the sessions of both houses closed in perfect harmony.

Yesterday was by far the most important day of any one of the sixty, and more bills were passed and signed by the governor than on any two other days of the session. The closing hours saw the passage by both houses of some very important measures, which were signed by Governor Curry as soon as sent to him. No less than fifty bills were passed at last night's session and signed by the executive.

The most important of these bills was council bill 53, Gallegos, creating separate district attorney districts for the counties of Colfax and Union, the governor naming O. T. Toombs of Clayton, district attorney of this new district; council bill 167, Gallegos, establishing territorial reform school at Springer; house bill 299, Roberts, district irrigation law; house substitute for house bill 176, relative to assessment of sheep; house bill 290, Brice, to increase efficiency of militia.

The governor also sent to the council last night the names of the new penitentiary commissioners which were confirmed as follows:

Nathan Jaffa, Santa Fe; D. T. Hoskins, E. Las Vegas; J. H. Vaughn, Santa Fe; C. F. Easley, Santa Fe; Jose Ortiz y Pino, Galisteo.

Beautiful Gifts for Officers.

As is always customary, beautiful gifts were made to the presiding officers of both houses and to the chief clerks. President Spess of the council was the recipient of a handsome silver table set, presented by the members and employees of the council. Mr. Catron made the presentation speech. W. F. Brogan, the efficient chief clerk of the council, was the recipient of a carving set and silverware, presented him by the members and employees. Mr. Hewitt made a clever speech in presenting the gifts, and Mr. Brogan made a fine speech of thanks.

In the house, Mr. Roberts in an eloquent eulogy of the speaker, presented the presiding officer on behalf of the members with a magnificent silver tea set, while E. H. Salazar, the chief clerk, received a gold watch as a gift from the house employees. Following the presentation speeches, each member of the house took occasion to make a few remarks, in which the speaker was eulogized and pleasantries passed between the members.

S. Baca delivered the presentation speech in giving the gold watch to Chief Clerk Salazar of the house. Mr. Salazar made an efficient clerk and was always accommodating.

The feature of last night's session was the passage by Representative Brice at the eleventh hour of house bill 300, carrying an appropriation of \$3,400 for the maintenance of the New Mexico military institute at Roswell, which institute was overlooked when the increases in the appropriations for the higher educational institutions were made in the general appropriation bill. Brice learned that the military institute had been left out and

he hurriedly drew the bill above mentioned which was passed by both houses within a few minutes and as quickly signed by Governor Curry. But for Brice's timely work the military institute would have lost this additional appropriation.

The general appropriation bill carries the total sum of \$525,000, which with the deficiency appropriation added, will run the total up to \$600,000. Of this amount the higher educational and charitable institutions receive the following amounts:

University at Albuquerque, \$32,000; agricultural college, \$16,000; school of mines, \$19,000; New Mexico normal school \$20,500; normal university, \$20,400; military institute, \$20,400; school for the blind, \$10,000; school for the deaf and dumb, \$10,000; Spanish-American normal school, \$4,500; New Mexico Museum and Archeology school, \$8,000; insane asylum, \$60,000; miners' hospital, \$10,000; capitol and executive mansion, \$18,000; St. Vincent's orphan home at Santa Fe, \$3,600; Sister of Mercy, at Santa Fe, \$1,800; Ladies' hospital, Silver City, \$1,800; Eddy county hospital, \$1,800; Relief society of Las Vegas, \$3,000; Sisters' hospital at Albuquerque, \$2,400; Gallup hospital, \$2,000; St. Mary's, at Roswell, \$1,800; Sisters of Loretto, Mora, \$1,000; Sisters of Loretto, Las Cruces, \$1,000.

Out of the 45 bills sent to him during the last hours of the legislative sessions last night, the governor allowed 12 to die by pocket veto. The most important of the bills to be killed was the measure providing for the sub-division of the territory into school districts.

Closing Day a Busy One.

The routine business of both houses yesterday was the busiest of the session, which was nothing unusual for the last day. Both houses met morning, afternoon and night, not winding up until after midnight when the presentation speeches incited to the giving of elegant presents to the presiding officers and chief clerks of each house were made.

Following the confirmation of the appointments of two district attorneys and the members of the capitol improvement board for the ensuing two years by the council, the following routine business was transacted:

Bills Passed.

Council bill 163, Carlos Baca, substitute for Roberts' election law, making change in penalty for a violation of the law; council bill 7, Hewitt, allowing villages to incorporate; council bill 16, Mechem, act to protect counties and regulating the abstract business; council bill 262, appropriation bill, passed as amended; house substitute for council bill 89, wild animal bounty bill.

In the House.

The morning and afternoon sessions of the house were one continuous round of work, bills being sent through at a rapid fire rate. Previous to the passage of bills two joint resolutions were passed as follows:

House joint resolution 9, Blattman, appropriating sum of \$124, to pay F. C. Newell, reading clerk; and house joint resolution 10, Blattman, providing additional pay for regular capitol employees. This latter resolution was introduced carried \$720, but was cut down by amendments to \$500 with the extra pay to be received by the regular employees fixed at \$1 a day instead of \$1.50 as asked by the original resolution.

Bills Passed.

The following bills were passed: Council bill 156, E. Baca, fixing time for holding district court in (Continued on Page 3.)

TAFT ATTENDS MEETING OF YALE CORPORATION

New York, Mch 19.—President Taft left this city this morning for New Haven, Conn., where he will attend a meeting of the Yale corporation.

Given Big Reception.

New Haven, Mch 19.—President Taft arrived here at 11:15 and was cheered by a large crowd. A squad of police is on duty as guard and escort.

Transport Goes Ashore.

Beillingham, Wash., March 19.—Fragments of a wireless message were picked up here, indicating that a United States transport had gone ashore near the entrance to Puget Sound and several lives were lost. No confirmation is obtainable.

THREE LIVES HOLD ENTIRE TOWN IN LOST IN FLOOD

WATER TANKS SUPPLYING CITY
BURST IN EARLY
MORNING.

HOUSES ARE TORN TO PIECES

DISASTER IS BELIEVED TO HAVE
BEEN CAUSED BY SOME
MISCREANT.

DAMAGE IS FULLY \$250,000

ENTIRE CITY SUPPLY OF WATER
LOST AND FAMINE IS
IMMINENT.

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 19.—Three persons were killed and three others probably fatally injured, many more slightly, and ten or more houses wrecked and forty more badly damaged when two large water tanks supplying the city with water burst early this morning.

The dead are:

MR. AND MRS. WALTER WAGGLE.

The immense stream of released water rushed down Prospect hill sweeping everything before it. Several houses were swept into the streets and residents knocked from their beds. One whole family was carried down the street seventy yards, their house being almost torn to pieces.

The two tanks contained the entire city supply of water and a water famine is now imminent. The damage amounted to between \$200,000 and \$250,000. The breaking of the tanks is believed to have been caused by some miscreant. Mrs. John Maloney and Edna Jones, the latter colored, are missing.

R. G. MULLEN IS STILL FIGHTING EXTRADITION

Special to The Optic.

Santa Fe, Mch 19.—Judge McFie this afternoon denied the writ of habeas corpus applied for by R. G. Mullen of Alamogordo, to prevent his extradition to Iowa to answer to the charge of obtaining money by fraud. Mullen's counsel asked for a hearing on a motion to appeal the case to a higher court and offered to give bond. This hearing is on this afternoon.

SENATORS FIND MANY FAULTS WITH PRESENT TARIFF BILL

Washington, Mch 19.—That there will be a great variety of opinions on the tariff bill when it reaches the senate is now certain.

Reductions on lumber schedule will be stoutly resisted by Senators Frye and Hale of Maine, and by some of the senators from the Pacific coast, and from the extreme northwest. Senators from Minnesota and North and South Dakota on the other hand will try to secure free lumber instead of the mere reduction proposed by the house bill.

The proposed inheritance tax and free coal and hides will be resisted and a strong fight against reductions in the iron and steel schedules is expected.

Senator Cummins of Iowa declares the tariff should be made still lower and that he will do everything in his power to obtain further reductions.

It is declared that Minnesota, North and South Dakota have nothing to fear from free lumber, while they are anxious to obtain entrance into the Canadian market, which now has a duty on lumber from the United States. The lumbermen of these states by a removal of the duty on

ROBBERS ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE
BANK OF BALD KNOB,
ARKANSAS.

SHOOT AT ALL IN STREETS

DESPERADOES RIDE UP AND
DOWN CONSTANTLY DIS-
CHARGING GUNS.

FAIL TO BLOW OPEN SAFE

SCORE OF BLASTS FIRED BUT
MEN FAIL TO FORCE INNER
DOORS.

Bald Knob, Ark., March 19.—While some of the lumbermen about the streets discharging revolvers and holding the populace in terror, others of the band of robbers worked for more than an hour today in an unsuccessful attempt to dynamite their way into the vault of the bank of Bald Knob, abandoning their task after firing nearly a score of blasts that demolished the outer door of the safe but failed to force the inner doors. One citizen was wounded in the parking fusilade of the band.

The first explosion aroused the citizens who emerged from houses and were greeted by bullets of the outposts. They quickly ran for shelter while the robbers kept up an almost constant fire, taking shots at any one who came within their range. In the meantime those inside the bank continued to use dynamite, but without success. Before commencing operations the band had destroyed the telephone communication but overlooked the telegraph wire and a message to Augusta quickly brought an armed posse which joined the citizens here in pursuit of the robbers.

National Guard Orders

Governor Curry has accepted the resignation of Colonel O. G. Myhre of Silver City and has promoted Lieutenant Colonel E. C. Abbott to the vacancy, with the rank of colonel.

Second Lieutenant Luis Armijo is promoted to the rank of Captain and will proceed to organize a company of infantry at Las Vegas.

The annual inspection by the war department will take place on the following dates:
Company F at Santa Fe on April 10.

and Troop A at Las Vegas on April 12, company G on April 13, Band on April 13, signal detachment on April 14, company D on April 17, company A on April 19.

Leave for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wiegand start on their European trip tomorrow afternoon. They will visit their daughter, Mrs. J. van Houten, in Raton, also will spend a fortnight in Kansas City, sailing from New York for Hamburg on the steamer "Cleveland," Saturday, April 17. Mr. Wiegand has not visited Europe since he left there 49 years ago, during which lapse of time, he has amassed a competency for life, and he will tour the old country generally on this trip, likely being absent from Las Vegas three or four months.

Excellent Promotion.

C. C. Stafford, stenographer and clerk in the local freight office, has received notice of his transfer to the Belen cut-off, and leaves for Clovis, N. M., tomorrow afternoon to assume the responsible duties of cashier at that terminal. Mrs. Stafford also leaves town tomorrow, going to Pittsburg, Kan., on a visit to her people till the head of the house gets matters arranged for the family at their new home on the plains.

Minister Not Dead.

Vienna, March 19.—There is no truth in the report that the Austro-Hungarian minister to Serbia has been assassinated.

FIND SHARPE NOT GUILTY OF AIDING CARMACK'S SLAYERS

JURY HOPELESSLY TIED UP AS
TO GUILT OF COLONEL AND
ROBIN COOPER.

Twelve Men are Ordered Back to
Their Room to Consider Further
and Acquitted Man is Released.

Nashville, Tenn., March 19.—"We are hopelessly tied up as to the Coopers, but we find John Sharpe not guilty."

This was the response of Foreman Burke of the jury in the Cooper-Sharpe murder trial after noon today, when Judge Hart called the jurors before him and asked if they had reached a verdict. The judge ordered the jury back to consider further as to the Coopers and directed that Sharpe be released from custody.

Sharpe sat stolid and indifferent. Not so his wife. When she grasped the significance of the verdict her eyes filled with tears and she seemed about to break down. Her sister soothed her as did the daughters of Colonel Cooper, who, with tears of disappointment in their eyes, heartily congratulated the Sharpes. The judge then adjourned court until 2 p. m. As he left the court room, Reid Sharpe, the younger brother of John, remarked to friends: "This is not the end of this case."

Returns from Inspection.

Mrs. Minerva Reed returned to her home city this afternoon from an extended trip over the country. As grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star she instituted lodges at Estancia, Lake Arthur, Portales and Elda, N. M., and made official visits to lodges at Carlsbad, Artesia, Hagerman, Roswell and Albuquerque. She had been absent from Las Vegas two weeks.

SAN MIGUEL CONVICT ESCAPES FROM PEN

Special to The Optic.

Santa Fe, Mch 19.—Josiah Wilson, a trusty at the territorial penitentiary, where he was serving two years for larceny committed in San Miguel county, escaped from prison last night and is still at large. Wilson broke into the residence of the assistant superintendent, and exchanged his prison garb for a suit of civilian clothes. Bloodhounds failed to track him, because of a heavy fall of snow.

POLICE HUNT KIDNAPPED YOUTH

OFFICERS MAKE RIGID SEARCH
THROUGHOUT THREE
STATES.

FATHER WILL PAY RANSOM

WANT TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS
FOR RETURN OF EIGHT YEAR
OLD BOY.

MOTHER PROSTRATED BY ACT

WEALTHY RELATIVES MAKING
EVERY EFFORT TO LOCATE
CHILD.

Sharon, Pa., Mch 19.—Notwithstanding the rigid search made last night by the many officers of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and western Virginia, no trace was found up to this morning of the kidnapers of the 8-year old son of James P. Whitlaw, a prominent and wealthy attorney here. The boy was taken from school by two unknown men and a ransom of \$10,000 was demanded in a letter to the father. The latter immediately complied with the terms of the letter by inserting an advertisement in various papers that he is willing to pay the ransom, but no word has been received from the kidnapers as to when and where the money is to be sent.

The lad's relatives, some of whom are millionaires, are making every possible effort to locate the child and Frank H. Buhl, the millionaire iron master and steel man, an uncle of the boy, today stated he would spend \$100,000 to recover him.

The mother is prostrated at Whitlaw's home. She clings pathetically to her daughter, Salina, 10 years old, and refuses to allow her to be taken from her side. The father refused to divulge the contents of the letter received from the extortionists in its entirety, but intimates that they made a terrible threat and fears that they may put it in execution. He says he is willing to surrender everything he owns to have the boy restored to him.

It is believed that the lad was drugged by his abductors immediately after taking him from the school and placing him in a buggy. The accounts of several persons alleged to have seen two men driving along the road to Warren, Ohio, agree that the boy was wrapped in blankets and apparently asleep on the lap of one of the men.

FIREMAN WALKER GETS LEFT LEG BADLY MANGLED

Boyd L. Walker, a locomotive fireman, is at Las Vegas hospital today, suffering from injuries that may render it necessary for him to submit to the amputation of his left foot.

Last evening about 6:30 as a No. 731 freight train was ascending Onawa hill, six or seven miles north of this city, traveling at a rate of speed not to exceed 8 or 10 miles an hour, Fireman Walker got off his engine for some purpose, intending to rejoin the train at one of the rear cars. He attempted to do so, but missed his calculations and fell under the wheels, which passed over his left limb just above the ankle.

After the accident, he was placed in the caboose of the train which was in charge of Conductor Collier and brought to the local railroad hospital.

He is not thought to be in a precarious condition, though the removal of an amputation will remain to be seen.